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## GLASGOW UNIVERSITY ORIENTAL SOCIETY.

THE present year, marking as it does the ninth Jubilee of Glasgow University, marks also the attainment of its majority by one of the smaller societies which find a home within its precincts. The Society which thus happily reaches its twenty-first year bears a name perhaps not widely known beyond its membership, but yet a name indicative of studies and interests becoming ever more extended and important.

*The Glasgow University Oriental Society was instituted* on 24th April, 1880, at a small gathering specially held in the house of its esteemed and life-long President, Professor Robertson. At its inception there were only four gentlemen present, of whom three are still active members of the Society. These are Professor Robertson, to whom the Society owes not only its origin but much of its subsequent success; Dr. Kean, now resident in St. Petersburg as the Bible Society's Agent for the whole of Russia, and Mr. R. B. Pattie, now of Edinburgh. The fourth, Mr. James Arthur, died shortly afterwards at the close of a specially distinguished career at the University, and after a short residence at Halle in Germany, where he had gone to recruit his health, leaving behind him a

memory warmly cherished by all who knew him, and a deep sense of loss in view of the exceptionally brilliant promise he had given as a scholar and a preacher.

*The aim of the Society* from the very first may be said to have been twofold: to foster an interest in Oriental studies comprising the Languages, Literatures, and Histories of the East, and to form a link of connection between those who shared this interest. It had often been desired that some such connection should be formed between those who during their University course had distinguished themselves in this department, that they might keep in touch with each other through their common studies after they had entered on their separate professional spheres. Compared with other societies that comprehend whole faculties in the University, this Society must always be comparatively small, since it is specially devoted to the prosecution of one branch of study which for long found a place only in the Divinity Faculty, but which now finds a place also in the Faculty of Arts. Its membership, which is naturally drawn chiefly from the clerical profession, includes, however, a growing number from other walks in life. Their presence and contributions to the discussions of the Society have tended to give to its aims and interests a wholesome breadth.

The *methods* followed by the Society in the prosecution of its object have shown considerable expansiveness and variety. From the beginning, half-yearly meetings for reading and discussing papers bearing on some subject included in Oriental study were contemplated, and with one exception, that which should have been held in the autumn of the year of its institution, these meetings have regularly taken place. At first they were held in the President's house, and afterwards as the attendance in-

creased they were transferred to the Professor's side-room, and still later to the class-room for Oriental Languages. From an attendance of four at the initial meeting the number present has risen to twenty-five at the most recent meeting.

Some years ago a further development of method took place which promised well for the advancement of the special aim of the Society. Sections were made comprising the following subjects :

Arabic,  
Old Testament and West Aramaic,  
Indian Languages,  
Syriac and Ethiopic,  
Assyriology,  
Egyptology,  
Persian,  
Comparative Religions,  
Comparative Philology.

Each of these sections was put in charge of a convener specially interested in that department, whose duty it was to bring before the Society anything of importance belonging to that department, and also to enlist the interest and help of others. This excellent and promising arrangement, while still nominally in existence, it has been found practically almost impossible to carry out because, on the one hand, of the comparatively small membership, and still more, on the other hand, because several of the conveners were soon removed abroad and some died. It is a method for securing systematic and concentrated study, which is invaluable, and it may well be revived whenever the conditions are favourable.

Another agency it has been found possible to carry on with somewhat more sustained energy—*The Magazine*.

The first number was issued in 1896 and contained articles in MS. contributed by various members. The Magazine continued to be issued at intervals for some time, until a new departure was made only last year. It had been felt that too formidable a conception had been held of what was needed for the Magazine, and so something possibly less ambitious but not less scholarly has been tried. The name adopted for the new form of magazine, which is also in MS., is a specially happy one, *The Megillah*, or *Flying Roll*. It was made up in the first instance by the President, with the assistance of Mr. Weir, of such things bearing on Oriental subjects as came to hand and put together in the simplest manner. Already six numbers have been issued, and are in circulation among the members. There are thirty-six readers divided into three groups, so that as three numbers are issued simultaneously, the magazine circulates quickly. In addition to the editor and his assistant twenty-one members are engaged preparing articles for future issues, so that the *Flying Roll* bids fair to fulfil its purpose excellently in keeping the subject of Oriental literature before the minds of the members in the intervals of the Society's meetings, and forming a medium of communication amongst them.

In addition to these it may be allowable to mention what may be called the as yet *unfulfilled aims of the Society*. As may be readily understood, the financial resources of the Society are not great, in this reflecting very truthfully the condition of the membership, but by dint of severe economy a small capital of nearly forty pounds has now been accumulated. It is hoped that this may some day be available for publishing a small text-book of Oriental languages for the use of students, containing extracts from Eastern writings not otherwise easily accessible. Such a

publication, it is felt, would prove not only useful, but be altogether in keeping with the aims and methods of the Society. Another similar object in contemplation has been the publication of a manual containing extracts from post-Biblical Jewish literature, while there has also been proposed a scheme for the transliteration of Eastern languages.

It has been further felt that the Society might be instrumental in having something done to improve the position of Oriental study in the Scottish Universities. The purpose has been expressed, and has not been forgotten, though its fulfilment may still seem a far way off, to secure if possible the foundation of a Scholarship, preferably a travelling one, in Oriental languages. Their study might thereby be removed from the somewhat restricted bounds of present professional requirements, and much might ultimately be done not only to increase our knowledge of Oriental literature, but also to equip students in our home Universities for such positions under Government as are rapidly increasing, in which a knowledge of Arabic and the other languages of the East is imperatively required. The interests and aims of the Society are certainly in this direction, and whether by itself, or more probably in conjunction with larger movements, it hopes to contribute towards this much to be desired end.

In speaking of the *growth* of the Society we naturally have regard first of all to its *membership*. Since its institution there have been altogether eighty-four members admitted. Of these five have died and twenty-one have either resigned or found it impossible through the pressure of other duties to continue taking an active part in the work. There are thus left at present in full membership fifty-eight, of whom nine are corresponding members, widely scattered in India, Russia, Australia and America. These corre-

sponding members frequently contribute valuable papers, some of them enriched by information obtained through close local contact, both with the languages and customs of the East. The remaining fifty-one members, while resident within the United Kingdom, are widely separated. They belong chiefly, as has been already said, to the clerical profession, but they include also several gentlemen in commercial and other professional spheres.

While speaking thus generally of the members, it need be in no way invidious to mention those who have specially distinguished themselves in Oriental study by publications and otherwise. The President, Professor Robertson, has won wide distinction, not only through his professional work, but through his many and valuable contributions to recent literature as bearing on Old Testament study and the wider fields of Oriental scholarship and research. He is the author of the following works: *The Early Religion of Israel*, being the Baird Lecture for 1888-89. This book has reached its sixth edition. *The Poetry and the Religion of the Psalms*, being the Croall Lectures for 1893-94. *The Old Testament and its Writers* in the "Church of Scotland Guild Series"; introductions to several of the Old Testament books, with special introduction to the Pentateuch in Virtue's *Illustrated Bible*; translation of Müller's *Hebrew Syntax*. Also many articles published in magazines and papers contributed to the meetings of the Society.

Another member, the Rev. A. R. S. Kennedy, D.D., Professor of Oriental Languages in Edinburgh University, and formerly of Aberdeen, has contributed much to the work of the Society, and also in the wider field of literature, dealing with Oriental subjects. He has translated several grammars in the well-known series of "Porta Linguarum Orientalium," such as Strack's *Hebrew Grammar*,

Nestle's *Syriac*, Delitzsch's *Assyrian*, Socin's *Arabic*. He is engaged on a *Commentary on Exodus* for the "International Series"; and contributes several important articles to Hastings' *Bible Dictionary* and to *The Encyclopædia Biblica*.

The Rev. Duncan B. M'Donald, B.D., was appointed several years ago to the Professorship of Semitic Languages in Hartford Theological Seminary, Connecticut, U.S. In addition to a large number of papers, published chiefly in leading American journals, he has published a *Life of al-Gazzali*, and made some most important contributions to the literature regarding the book of *Job*.

Another member, Mr. Gavin Greenlees, has given himself to the study of Cuneiform Lore during the leisure hours of nearly forty years, and has made a valuable collection of Cuneiform inscriptions, with notes, which he has lately offered to the University Library.

Mr. Thos. H. Weir, Assistant to the President as Professor of Oriental Languages in the University, has travelled extensively in the East, and has contributed many valuable papers to the proceedings of the Society. He is the author of *A Short History of the Massoretic Text*, the only book published in English covering the whole ground connected with this subject.

The Rev. Dr. Thomson, of Stirling, is the author of *Books which influenced our Lord and His Apostles*, and also of a *Commentary on Daniel*.

The Rev. Dr. James Lindsay, well known through his contributions to theological literature, has also taken part in the work of the Society; while the Rev. James Millar, B.D., and the Rev. William Ewing have made valuable contributions to the *Dictionary of the Bible* (Hastings).

Among the members who have died, besides Mr. James



Arthur, to whom reference has been already made, there was the Rev. John Dobie, B.D., Professor of Oriental Languages in Edinburgh University. He was among the early members of the Society, and took an active part in its work. By none was his early and tragic death more deeply mourned than by his fellow-members. It is impossible to estimate the loss to Oriental scholarship involved in his death. He had been exceptionally well prepared by study and travel for the duties of his Chair, and during the short time of his occupancy he showed promise of results that were only too soon rendered impossible.

Another young member of great promise removed by death was the Rev. William MacGill, B.D. He distinguished himself highly in the department of Oriental languages while a student in the University, and after completing his course had given himself most assiduously to Assyrian study as a special subject. His loss was particularly felt in a department to which not too many find time to give attention.

The other two members who died were the Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Sandyford United Presbyterian Church, Glasgow, and the Rev. James Ingram, B.D., of Levern. They were both distinguished by their attainments in Oriental studies, and both took a full share in the Society's work.

From the membership we pass to record the Society's growth as shown by the *subjects studied*. A full list of the papers read before the Society will be found in an appendix, and that list shows how wide a field has been covered. The subjects have, of course, been chiefly linguistic, for this special department of study has always been the Society's first aim. Here subjects have been dealt with bearing on Hebrew, Chaldee, Assyrian, Syriac, Arabic,

Persian, Hindustani, and the other languages of India ; and even on one occasion an excursion was made into the region of the savage tongues of Africa. There have also been papers dealing with Oriental customs and beliefs, most of which have been prepared from personal observation, and have tended to elucidate the literature of the different peoples. The subjects of Archæology and Topography have also been represented. Papers showing the bearing of these subjects on the Old Testament study have formed a large part of the contributions of members. All the results of recent scholarship in this department emanating from all the schools have been discussed, while, chiefly through the contributions of the President, the members have been kept informed of the most recent literature published in all countries bearing on subjects of Oriental study.

Such have been the efforts made within the Society itself to advance Oriental studies, but efforts have also been contemplated in a wider sphere. It was at one time intended, in view of the increasing importance of these studies, to endeavour to enlist the interest and help of others, chiefly in Glasgow and the neighbourhood, to secure better provision in the University for their prosecution. One Chair is manifestly insufficient to meet the requirements of so wide a field ; and, while it may be almost hopeless to look for an early adequate provision in the way of additional professorships, it may not be quite so hopeless to look for the founding of a lectureship and scholarships, which might do much for the end in view. At the present moment the University is engaged in a large scheme of extension intended to benefit all the faculties, and so benefit all the separate subjects taught ; and as a full representation has been made of the

importance and needs of this special department, it is sincerely hoped that it will not be overlooked in the general scheme of advance contemplated.

Every subject of study embraced within the University courses has its advocates, and we believe not one of them presently appealing for extension and recognition but is worthy of what is asked. We sincerely trust that every one will benefit through the general movement. At the same time we are naturally anxious, as a Society with very definite aims and sympathies, to see that the subject so specially prosecuted by ourselves should receive full consideration. It is perhaps one that appeals to a narrower constituency than many others, and for that reason is less prominent, and so is in danger of receiving less support. But we can with perfectly disinterested earnestness urge its claims. Oriental study, both in the linguistic department and that of life and history, is of increasing importance. This is specially true in *the sphere of Biblical enquiry*, when so fierce a light of criticism and research is being turned upon the literature that comprises the Scriptures of the Old Testament. Nothing that can be learned through the study of the original and cognate languages, and through the researches of archæology and history as they affect the East, can safely be overlooked. Every contribution should be welcomed. More workers, and workers with ever better tools, are needed; and no one to whom Biblical study appeals with special force can deny the importance of the claims it makes.

This is equally true as regards the more recent development of *the comparative study of religions*. These have chiefly an Eastern colour, and must be studied with an intimate knowledge of the languages of the Orient and a familiarity with the history and customs, the beliefs and

modes of thought of Eastern peoples if any results of permanent value are to be reached.

But there are also other interests involved, which, if not more important, appeal at least to a larger class. These are of a very modern and practical kind. The contact of East and West is becoming closer every day, and this is increasing our political and commercial relationships with many Oriental countries hitherto but little considered.

In *the sphere of Government*, for example, how essential it is that there should be provided a large staff of officers, both military and civilian, who know the language of the people among whom they are placed, and to whom in great measure falls the responsibility of commending the rule and civilization of the West. Knowing their speech and acquainted with their national and even tribal peculiarities, officials so equipped can come into closer touch with them, can understand them better, be less dependent on intermediaries, and so in a thousand ways be more beneficial to them and more efficient as officers of the Government. In this aspect the increased spread and accuracy of Oriental studies would prove a great advantage to the Empire and to the many and varied peoples now comprised within it.

Nor would the practical advantages be less on the *Commercial* side—a side that must always bulk largely in the view of such a nation as ours. These Eastern lands are only beginning to be opened up, and how vast are the needs they must show as they come more closely into touch with the more developed life and civilization of the West. They must open up markets of almost unlimited extent for our varied manufactures, and the man who will be most successful in the legitimate spheres of commercial enterprise thus provided will be the man who can come nearest to the

people by speaking their tongue, and can best supply their needs by understanding their character and surroundings. Our position amongst most of these Eastern races is politically one of predominance, and thus we enter the field of commercial rivalry with a great advantage in our favour, but this will be lost if we are not careful to win the sympathy and confidence of the people by dealing with them in their own speech and providing for their wants through an intimate knowledge of their requirements.

At present the facilities for acquiring a knowledge of these languages in all our Scottish Universities are quite inadequate. Three of the four Universities have only one Chair for the whole field of Oriental study, and these are necessarily more than fully occupied with the narrower requirements of professional life. Edinburgh has, in addition, a Chair of Sanskrit and a valuable travelling Scholarship. Such facilities as are provided, however inadequate, are due in a measure to the action of the Society a few years ago when the Royal Commission on the Scottish Universities was prosecuting its work. Owing to the change involved in including these Chairs, both in the Faculty of Arts and of Divinity, serious loss might have been entailed, but happily through strong representations made the Society was instrumental in getting them put on a much more satisfactory footing.

Much however remains to be done. Within recent years Continental scholars have warmly recognized the work that has been done in this country in this department of study, but it is to be regretted that students desirous of carrying on their studies in the higher branches have, for the most part, to go to some Continental University. What is needed is the provision of additional Chairs, or at least lectureships, whereby the different sections of this wide field of study

could be adequately provided for, and also the provision of special Scholarships that would make it possible for students of proved capacity to devote themselves to these studies. To aid in such extension, and to widen and deepen the interest in subjects whose importance is daily becoming more manifest, the Glasgow University Oriental Society exists, and, looking back on the twenty-one years of its history, it cannot be said to have altogether failed.

## APPENDIX I.

### LIST OF PAPERS READ BEFORE THE SOCIETY.

DATE.	SUBJECT.	AUTHOR.
<i>April, 1881.</i>		
	The Arabic MSS. in Glasgow University Library,	PROF. ROBERTSON, D.D.
	The passages in Job that refer to a future life,	JAS. ARTHUR, B.D.
	The last chapters of Ezekiel, - - -	R. B. PATTIE, B.D.
	Gietmann's De Re Metrica Hebraeorum, -	WM. KEAN, D.D.
<i>October, 1881.</i>		
	Arabic MSS. as above, - - - -	PROF. ROBERTSON, D.D.
	On the construction of the Participle in Hebrew, chiefly with reference to its government,	R. B. PATTIE, B.D.
	Remarks on Acts viii. 33, - - - -	PET. DONALDSON, B.D.
	The Levitical Legislation and its relation to the History of Israel from the time of the Judges till the Captivity, - - -	A. C. WATSON, B.D.
	The Wise Men of the East, - - - -	JAS. HOUSTON, B.D.
	The Psalms of Asaph, - - - -	WM. KEAN, D.D.
	The Pronunciation of קָדוֹם, - - -	A. C. WATSON, B.D.
<i>April, 1882.</i>		
	The Evidentia of the Style of the O.T. Writers,	PROF. ROBERTSON, D.D.
	The O.T. idea of Atonement, - - - -	A. C. WATSON, B.D.
	Notes on Psalms lxxii. 8, xxii. 17, xxxii. 9, Zechariah iv. 12, - - - -	R. B. PATTIE, B.D.
	The construction of מָלַךְ in the O.T. with regard to its Messianic reference, - - -	JAS. YOUNG, B.D.
	The form of the first and great Commandment in the Synoptic Gospels, - - - -	PET. DONALDSON, B.D.
	Remarks on Exodus iv. 24-26, - - -	JAS. HOUSTON, B.D.
	Psalms xix., - - - -	ALEX. STEWART, B.D.
	Pirque Aboth, - - - -	WM. KEAN, D.D.

DATE.	SUBJECT.	AUTHOR.
<i>October, 1882.</i>		
	The Thousand and One Nights, - - -	PROF. ROBERTSON, D.D.
	The relative $\frac{1}{2}$ and the peculiarities found with it,	R. B. PATTIE, B.D.
	Aim and Structure of $\text{שִׁיר הַשִּׁירִים}$ , - - -	JAS. YOUNG, B.D.
	Source of the term $\Lambda\omicron\gamma\omicron\varsigma$ in the Prologue to St.	
	John's Gospel, - - - - -	PROF. KENNEDY, D.D.
	The Theology of the Hebrews, - - -	JAS. HOUSTON, B.D.
	W. R. Smith's "Lectures on the Prophets of Israel," - - - - -	A. C. WATSON, B.D.
<i>April, 1883.</i>		
	Tuti Nama—Tales of a Parrot, - - -	PROF. ROBERTSON, D.D.
	Genealogies in the Gospels compared with the lists in the O.T., - - - - -	R. B. PATTIE, B.D.
	Translations from the Persian—Extracts from the Gulistan of Sa'adi, - - -	JOHN TAYLOR.
	Study of $\text{מִקְוֵה}$ , - - - - -	A. C. WATSON, B.D.
	Theology of Ancient Egypt, - - -	JAS. LINDSAY, D.D.
<i>October, 1883.</i>		
	Aphraates the Persian Sage, - - -	JOHN DOBIE, B.D.
	Notes on the Jonathan Targum on the Pentateuch, - - - - -	JAS. YOUNG, B.D.
	The Country of the Chaldees, - - -	JAS. HOUSTON, B.D.
	Studies in Persian, - - - - -	JOHN TAYLOR.
	Some hints of early Egyptian Life and Customs as given in the Bible Story of Joseph, -	D. G. MANUEL, B.D.
<i>April, 1884.</i>		
	Modern Judaism, - - - - -	W. G. DUNCAN, B.D.
	Dillmann's Theory of the Pentateuch, - - -	PROF. KENNEDY, D.D.
	Modern Egyptian Society, - - -	WM. KEAN, D.D.
	Notices of Jerusalem in some early Arabic Geographers, - - - - -	PROF. ROBERTSON, D.D.
<i>October, 1884.</i>		
	The Peshito, - - - - -	GEO. ANDERSON, B.D.
	The Modern Champollion, - - -	P. H. AITKEN, B.D.
	The Legend of the Wandering Jew, - - -	PROF. ROBERTSON, D.D.
	General idea of Tenses, - - - - -	R. B. PATTIE, B.D.
	The Book of Jonah, - - - - -	JAS. MILLAR, B.D.



DATE.	SUBJECT.	AUTHOR.
<i>April, 1885.</i>		
	Semitic Theology, - - - - -	JAS. LINDSAY, D.D.
	The Song of Songs, - - - - -	MORISON BRYCE.
	Ruth and Esther, - - - - -	C. S. M'ALPINE, B.D.
<i>October, 1885.</i>		
	Professor Weir's MSS., - - - - -	PROF. ROBERTSON, D.D.
	Brahma Somaj of India, - - - - -	A. C. WATSON, B.D.
	An Archduke's Oriental MSS., - - - - -	JOHN DOBIE, B.D.
	Symposium : The Song of the Bow.	
<i>April, 1886.</i>		
	Early Semitic Epigraphy, - - - - -	PROF. KENNEDY, D.D.
	Moses and the Pentateuch, - - - - -	JAS. INGRAM, B.D.
<i>October, 1886.</i>		
	Illustrations from Savage Idiom, - - - - -	R. B. PATTIE, B.D.
	The Apocrypha, - - - - -	JAS. HOUSTON, B.D.
	Targum Shenì on Esther, - - - - -	JAS. YOUNG, B.D.
	Convict Life in the Andaman Islands, - - - - -	J. M. HAMILTON, B.D.
<i>April, 1887.</i>		
	The Bostan of Sa'adi, - - - - -	JOHN TAYLOR, B.D.
	Notes on Jewish Coinage, - - - - -	PROF. KENNEDY, D.D.
	The Massorah, - - - - -	PROF. DOBIE, B.D.
<i>October, 1887.</i>		
	Some peculiarities of the Tamil of the district of Tinnevely, - - - - -	JOHN TAYLOR.
	The Only Begotten Son, - - - - -	HUGH DUNCAN, B.D.
	The interchange of לָא and לָי in the O.T., - - - - -	R. B. PATTIE, B.D.
	Pirge Aboth, - - - - -	JAS. MILLAR, B.D.
<i>April, 1888.</i>		
	What we learn from Genesis of the primitive language, - - - - -	GEO. ANDERSON, B.D.
	The influence of Egypt on the Mosaic Code, - - - - -	P. H. AITKEN, B.D.
	Ecclesiastes in the light of Eastern Literature, - - - - -	PROF. M'DONALD, B.D.
<i>October, 1888.</i>		
	Recent discovery in Egypt of Document belong- ing to the Century before the Exodus, - - - - -	R. B. PATTIE, B.D.
	The passages in the O.T., - - - - -	THOS. H. WEIR, B.D.
	Symposium : Song of Deborah	

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<i>April, 1889.</i>		
Sheol, - - - - -	-	MORISON BRYCE.
Relation of Oriental Study to Preaching, -	-	JOHN HENDERSON, B.D.
The Book of Esther, - - - - -	-	T. E. S. CLARKE, B.D.
<i>October, 1889.</i>		
The O.T. idea of Sacrifice, - - - - -	-	A. C. WATSON, B.D.
The Mamelukes, - - - - -	-	H. DUNCAN, B.D.
The Testimony of Hosea to History, -	-	ROBT. CUMMING, B.D.
The Existing Castes of Southern India, -	-	ROBERT MORRIS, M.A.
Symposium : Song of Moses.		
<i>April, 1890.</i>		
Remarks on the relation of Religion and Moral- ity in the O.T., - - - - -	-	JAS. LINDSAY, D.D.
Arabia and the Arabs in the 4th, 5th, and 6th Centuries A.D., - - - - -	-	JAS. CRAIG, B.D.
Analysis of Prof. Robertson Smith's "Religion of the Semites," - - - - -	-	W. G. DUNCAN, B.D.
The development of Eschatological Ideas in the period between the O.T. and the N.T., -	-	D. FREW, B.D.
<i>October, 1890.</i>		
The High Schools of the Arabs, . . . -	-	PROF. ROBERTSON, D.D.
The Mohammedanism of Northern India, -	-	R. M'C. PATERSON, B.D.
The Hebrew Idea of שחר (the dawn), -	-	T. WEIR, B.D.
Notes of Assyrian Grammar, - - - - -	-	JOHN TAYLOR.
<i>April, 1891.</i>		
Discussion on Genesis xiv.		
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Arab Music, - - - - -	-	JAS. MILLAR, B.D.
Arab Proverbs, - - - - -	-	PROF. ROBERTSON, D.D.
Assyria, - - - - -	-	JAS. INGRAM, B.D.
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** Peter Donaldson, B.D., - - -	1881.
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** Jas. E. Houston, B.D., - - -	"
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** W. G. M'Laren, - - -	"
James Miller, B.D., - - -	"
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* James Ingram, B.D.,	1885.
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** E. P. Phillips,	1886.
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*** Robert Kilgour, B.D.,	"
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* Wm. MacGill, B.D.,	"
Jas. Cromarty Smith, B.D.,	1889.
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John Campbell, B.D.,	1890.
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** Wm. M'Kean Campbell, B.D.,	"
Hugh Armstrong, B.D.,	"
Duncan H. Brodie, B.D.,	1891.
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Jas. W. M'Donald, B.D.,	"
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Gavin Greenlees,	1893.
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W. J. S. Miller, M.A., -	1898.
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### APPENDIX III.

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE GLASGOW UNIVERSITY ORIENTAL SOCIETY.

I. The Name of the Society shall be the "GLASGOW UNIVERSITY ORIENTAL SOCIETY."

II. The Object of the Society shall be the Study of the Languages, Literatures, and Histories of the East.

III. In the prosecution of this Object, the Society shall meet at stated times for the reading and discussing of papers bearing on Oriental Subjects.

IV. The Society shall be composed of such Students of Oriental Languages as shall be duly elected.

V. The Society may elect as Corresponding Members such persons permanently resident abroad as may be willing to contribute to the proceedings of the Society.

VI. The Office-Bearers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, two Secretaries (Corresponding and Recording), Treasurer, and an Editor of the Magazine—to be elected annually. The Secretaries and Treasurer to be resident in or near Glasgow.

VII. The Affairs of the Society shall be administered by a Committee of Management consisting of the Office-Bearers and two Members—also to be elected annually, and resident in or near Glasgow. One-third of the Committee shall form a quorum.

VIII. Each Ordinary Member shall pay an Annual Subscription, the amount of which shall be fixed from time to time by the Committee of Management.

IX. Motions affecting the Constitution and Bye-Laws shall be discussed only at the Stated Meetings of the Society, and notices of such motions must be given in writing to the Corresponding Secretary at least two months beforehand.

## BYE-LAWS.

I. The Stated Meetings of the Society shall be held in Glasgow twice a year.

II. The Committee of Management shall draw up a programme of business for each Stated Meeting, and shall forward a copy thereof to each Member, at least a month before the Meeting.

III. Names of persons proposed for election shall be submitted to the Committee of Management at least two months before the ensuing Stated Meeting of the Society, and such names shall be inserted in the programme of business for that Meeting.

IV. In order to election, each person thus named must be proposed and seconded at the Meeting. The question shall be put to the Meeting, and the vote shall be by ballot. A majority of three-fourths of the Members present shall be necessary for election.



V. At each Stated Meeting the Society shall appoint the Members who are to contribute papers at the ensuing Meeting. For this purpose a list of Members' Names, in the order of their election, shall be printed, and this shall be the order of rotation in which Members shall be called upon to contribute papers.

VI. Each Member so appointed shall indicate to the Corresponding Secretary the subject of his paper at least two months before the Meeting, and shall at said Meeting lay on the table an abstract of his paper, to be retained by the Society.

VII. The Committee of Management shall keep Minutes of all its Meetings, and shall report its proceedings to each Stated Meeting of the Society.

VIII. The Committee shall have power to summon, on occasion, Special Meetings of the Society.

IX. If any Ordinary Member be absent without reasonable excuse from three consecutive General Meetings of the Society, or if any Corresponding Member shall have ceased to show that he retains an active interest in the Society, it shall be in the power of the Committee to communicate with such Member, and thereafter, at their own discretion, to remove his name from the Roll. All such cases shall be reported to the next General Meeting of the Society.

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### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

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